



Burien

Washington, USA

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March 8, 2010

Dear Newly Annexed Resident:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of Burien. As you may know, the residents of the North Highline Area voted on August 18, 2009, to become residents of the City of Burien. The effective date to actually become Burien residents is April 1, 2010. The Burien City Council and City staff are working hard to plan for and address your needs.

As part of the annexation process, the State of Washington requires that we conduct a special census of all housing units. The only information required in this census is the names of all individuals residing in your home. **The information you provide will be held strictly confidential.** Cooperating with this special annexation census ensures that the City of Burien receives its full share of state funds allotted for essential public services.

Your home will be visited by a census worker wearing a fluorescent vest and a Burien identification badge sometime between March 12, 2010 and April 25, 2010. You can also provide your census information at any time by calling the Burien Census Hotline at (800) 635-6594. The Census Hotline is available 24 hours a day.

This special annexation census is in addition to the U.S. Census conducted by the federal Census Bureau this year. For the federal census, you will still receive a 10-question census form in the mail sometime in late March. You can find out more about the federal census at <http://2010.census.gov>.

Please be aware that neither census will require you to provide your Social Security number, credit card numbers, account information or pay any fees. If someone claims to be a census worker and asks for this kind of information do not provide any details to them. Legitimate census workers will also have identification badges with a phone number that you can call if you would like to verify their identities.

General information about the City of Burien can be found on our website located at: <http://www.burienwa.gov>. Please feel free call us at (206) 436-5555 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the annexation.

Again, we warmly welcome you to the City of Burien and encourage you to fully participate in the special annexation census.

Sincerely,

Joan McGilton
Mayor

Frequently Asked Questions about Annexation

- **How will my taxes be impacted by annexation?**

For homeowners, your property tax rate will decrease from \$12.51 to \$12.10 per \$1,000 assessed value. For property with an assessed value of \$300,000 this would result in a reduction of \$123 per year.

All residents may see an increase on their utility bills. The City levies a 3% utility tax on electric and a 6% utility tax on telephone, cellular, pager, gas, cable and garbage. Utility companies add these taxes onto their billings. The average utility user may see a combined increase estimated at \$250 per year.

- **Who will provide police service for my area?**

There will be a seamless transition of police services in the annexed area. The Burien Police Department currently contracts with the King County Sheriff's Office. Deputies that currently provide service will likely be the same with a simple change in uniforms and car markings.

For those who use private security companies, the City of Burien, like King County, has a False Alarm Ordinance. Police will only respond to mechanical alarms upon verification by a 3rd party that a crime or emergency requiring police response has or is occurring at the alarm location. Personally activated panic, duress and robbery alarms are excluded from this Ordinance. King County currently fines \$100 for two or more false alarms in any consecutive six-month period and \$100 for successive false alarms. The City of Burien assesses a false alarm fee of \$150 for each false alarm.

- **How will the zoning on my property change?**

The City of Burien will apply the existing Burien zoning districts that are most comparable with King County's existing zoning in the annexation area. This means that when the area becomes part of Burien the minimum lot sizes, setbacks, and permitted uses are likely to be similar, if not identical to the current zoning. Over time, the City will work with residents and business owners to prepare plans for the annexed neighborhoods. Any proposed changes to zoning will be considered through an open public process. All decisions about comprehensive planning and zoning in the annexed neighborhoods will be made by the Burien City Council based on a recommendation by the Burien Planning Commission.

- **Does my school district boundary change?**

No. School district boundaries are not affected by annexations.

- **Does my address change?**

The U.S. Postal Service will accept either Seattle or Burien as the city name on your address. However, we would encourage you to use Burien as your designated city, so that tax revenue collected on deliveries and other purchases is properly allocated to Burien.

City of Burien Contact Information:

City Hall

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Police Department

14905 6th Ave SW
Burien, WA 98166
Ph. Emergency: 9-1-1
Non-emergency: (206) 296-3333

Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services

(Including Burien Community Center & Senior Program)
425 SW 144th St.
Burien, WA 98166-1545
Phone: (206) 988-3700
Fax: (206) 243-2784
Web: www.burienparks.net

Citizen Action Hotline:

Phone: (206) 248-5530

Burien Fire Department

Ph. Emergency: 9-1-1
Phone: (206) 242-2040

After April 11th, new Community Center & Senior Program Address:

**14700 6th Ave SW
Burien, WA 98166**

Burien Job Line

Phone: (206) 248-5534

North Highline Fire

Ph. Emergency: 9-1-1
Phone: (206) 243-0330

After Hours Roads or Flooding Problems

Ph: (206) 296-8100